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- 2. Enclosed please find:
 - a. An Office Action Amendment (8 pgs) with <u>RCE</u>, submitted herewith to advance the above-referenced patent application under final rejection.
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2005, please amend the claims and consider the remarks that follow. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Claims begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.